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In Nov 81 I sent a letter to Prof Gerald Davis, Chairman of the Africana Studies Department with copies to President Francis L. Lawrence, as well as to Donald Gibson, Prof of English at Rutgers. The letter was a response to an ad Rutgers put in the Journal Black Issues In Higher Education, calling for applications for faculty positions in the Africana Studies Department.

I mentioned that the English Department already had a copy of my application from two years ago when as Visiting Professor of English from S.U.N.Y. @ Stony Brook, I made similar application, only to be turned down in perhaps the most bizarre case of open and clandestine racism and probable government interference in Academic affairs in recent years.

The racism is obvious since my qualifications to teach at Rutgers are well known and the case has brought legitimate outrage in intellectual and academic circles internationally.

The government interference is probably less well known since the continuing "under the table" influence of Prof Richard Poirier in the Rutgers' English Department as a paid proprietary of the Central Intelligence Agency is not as well known. (See Church hearings re CIA monies to Partisan Review when Poirier was Editor.) As a matter of fact two ex-Rutgers Professors, Snitow and DeSalvio have already won suits against Prof Poirier and Rutgers for right wing anti-democratic "bias" against "Leftist", Progressive and Feminist tenure candidates.

A similar bias was demonstrated in the wholly unorthodox and corrupt tenure mess that went on in my case in which three elections (two of which I won) were held, before Poirier and his secret "old boy" group of middle brow racists could illegally deny my application. It was a wholly corrupt and undemocratic stunt (e.g., only full professors could vote -and they want to send people into Eastern Europe to teach democracy!!)

But even more bizarre was the fact that in a 1974 issue of the Partisan Review, in which Poirier was writer as well as CIA funded editor, he says that Richard Wright and Amiri Baraka should not even have seminars devoted to their work, much less be taught. Nor should there be such things as Black Studies or Women's Studies! ("A Case Of Mistaken Identity: Literature And The Humanities", R. Poirier, Partisan Review, pp 555-6, Vol XLII, no. 4, 1974).

The fact that Poirier had, as a paid proprietary of the CIA already written opinions biased against Prof Snitow and

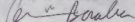
Disavio's tenure even before that tenure was being considered was one element that helped them win their cases. Polier wrote his article dismissing my literary efforts, and Richard Wright^{and} and the worth of Black Studies some sixteen years before ~~my~~ application to Rutgers. But this bias is allowed. I suppose until they are sued again.

With the current application however, at this moment I still ~~have not even received the~~ ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{received} the ~~reply~~ ^{reply} of a reply from anyone. But Prof Gibson, who sent me good wishes. Neither Lawrence nor Davis have replied to my application.

I did call Africana Studies last week however, and when he called me back Prof Davis said he had been told that Africana Studies is not entitled to a "world class appointment". Although they are hiring three, one must assume, non-world class appointments in Africana Studies in the next few weeks!

Eventually the people of New Jersey must uncover the huge bucket of bashdooky that characterizes the real life and secret racial and anti woman (i.e. class) governance of Rutgers University, rather than the media enhanced hype.

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